



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:** **Richard Vanderpoel**

**Application Serial No.:** **10/826,404** **Examiner:** **Z. Eshete**

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**For:** **VALVE ACTUATION SYSTEM WITH VALVE SEATING CONTROL**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 6, 2006 and in connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. The current Listing of Claims is provided on page 2 of this paper. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.